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186 MEMBERS FIRST HALF DAY OF DRIVE

LEGIONAIRES TO ELECT OFFICERS

Commander Reece Certain to Again Head George W. Myers Post.

NAME IS ON BOTH TICKETS

John A. Mulvey for Chaplain is Also Named on Both White and Blue Tickets.

At the regular meeting of the Geo. W. Myers Post of the American Legion in the Legion club rooms last Thursday evening two tickets were placed in the field for officers of the Post for the coming year.

Two present officers, H. E. Reece, Post Commander and Rev. John Mulvey, Post Chaplain, were unanimously declared candidates on both tickets—so their re-election is assured.

The tickets were designed as the Whites and the Blues, F. L. Broughton being appointed campaign manager of the Whites and Larry Kettell of the Blues. A campaign fund was voted for each of the campaign managers for expenses in connection with the campaign and it is expected that a lively race will ensue.

Following is the personal of the tickets as nominated.

Whites
Commander—H. E. Reece.
Vice Commander—Dr. C. F. DuBois.

Finance Officer—N. Diaz.
Adjutant Officer—Lauren Burk.
Sergeant at Arms—Buddy Ryan.
Executive Committee—Bob Daies.
Post Chaplain—Rev. John Mulvey.
Historian—Bob Davies.

Blues
Commander—H. E. Reece.
Vice Commander—C. R. Robinson.
Finance Officer—Ben Johnson.
Adjutant—Jerome Kanter.
Sergeant at Arms—Tom Brown.
Executive Committee—A. H. Simen.

Post Chaplain—Rev. J. Mulvey.
Historian—W. A. Wagner.

TO GIVE PLAY

"The Man From Home" by Booth Tarkington Chosen.

It was decided at a joint meeting of the Junior and Senior classes of Alma College held recently, that the two classes should in collaboration present a play some time in January, the proceeds to be used by the two classes in meeting the remaining debt on last year's Maroon and Cream and the issue for the coming year. A joint committee decided on "The Man From Home" by Booth Tarkington. The play is a forceful drama in four acts and presents an opportunity for some very thorough work. It was first presented at the Studebaker Theater in Chicago in 1907 where it ran for a year with William Hodge in the leading role.

Parts have been assigned and under the able direction of Professor Hamilton rehearsals will soon begin. The two classes have gone into the undertaking wholeheartedly and it is hoped that they will have the support of the entire college in their effort to make the play a success.

GIRL SCOUT NEWS

A number of Girl Scouts were vested with their tenderfoot badges Wednesday evening at the Parents-Teachers' Club of Republic School. Miss Stitt, chairman of the advisory committee presented the badges to the scouts. The Girl Scouts meet every Saturday afternoon at Eastminster Chapel and every girl over fourteen is eligible to become a scout. This troop does not belong to any church or school but its object is to help the community and to make better citizens and women of the girls.

The girls are going to give a Christmas fair Saturday afternoon in the Kindergarten room of Republic School. A good assortment of gifts have been prepared by the girls and will be on sale Saturday. Old high cost of living will run for his life when the price tags are put up at the fair. If interested in handmade gifts and in helping a good cause along do not fail to be at the fair.

MEETING POSTPONED

The meeting of the Presbyterian Brotherhood which was announced Sunday for Friday evening of this week has been indefinitely postponed because of the Chamber of Commerce activities of the week. The men of the Brotherhood did not wish in any way to interfere with Chamber of Commerce week so decided to postpone their meeting to a later date. The Chamber of Commerce victory dinner is scheduled for Friday evening.

EXPECT REPORT

Formal Report of J. R. Rumsey, Vice President Michigan Engineering Is Expected.

City officials are expecting that the formal report, relative to the Alma water system, now being compiled by J. R. Rumsey, registered engineer, and vice president of the Michigan Engineering Society in 1919, will be received in time to go before the city commission at its meeting to be held next week Tuesday evening.

The formal report of Mr. Rumsey is being awaited with considerable interest by members of the commission, following his informal report given to members of the commission during the several days that he was here last week, going over the system, and advising as to its completion. The informal report, much the same as the interview that he gave The Record last week, was interesting, and in backing up the investigations of Manager Reynolds, gave the commission plenty of good reason for accepting the bid of the Pittsburgh Des Moines Steel Company for the 200,000 gallon tank.

The formal report when it is received will be made a portion of the city records.

Mrs. Mary Church, who has been nursing at the home of J. H. Stickney, returned to her home in Ithaca the first of the week.

KEEP POT BOILING

FOR SALVATION ARMY

The Army Lasse is Soon to Be Seen Again at Corner With Xmas Pot.

Once again the Christmas effort has been started, and within the next few days the Salvation Army lassie will don the heavier clothes to shield her from the wind, and the winter's snow, and once again one will have the privilege of keeping the pot boiling, as the little bell buzzes away on the street corner.

In order that one may grasp the fleeting opportunity, it is quite necessary that he be enlightened, as to the special effort and what it will mean to the Salvation Army this year. As the Salvation Army officers go about clad in the well known uniform of blue, and with the poke bonnet, they hear from every corner the great mastodonian call, "Come and Help Us." They see the children without bread, fathers without hope, and mothers whose heart strings have been practically torn apart, by the hungry cry of the little child.

This year the Salvation Army desires to give 100 bushel baskets to the needy of this city. It cannot be done without the help of all, so an appeal is being made by the Army for support in the noble work that it is undertaking. It feels certain that the public will hear the appeal and answer it with the sympathetic understanding of the season.

"To meet the greatest need of all We hear the trumpet call.
To feed the hungry, cold the poor
And you will help us we are sure."

VICTORY MEDALS

Governor Sleeper Issues a Proclamation Regarding Medals.

I am advised that a considerable number of men entitled to Victory Medals have not made application for them, and I have been requested to urge all county, city and township authorities of the State, to do everything in their power to bring this matter to the attention of the men concerned.

Applications from Western Michigan should be sent to the Army Recruiting Office at 211 Monroe Avenue, Grand Rapids, and those from Eastern Michigan should go to the corresponding office at 215 Woodward, Avenue, Detroit.

Therefore, I, Albert E. Sleeper, Governor of the State of Michigan, do hereby request the officials named above to do what they can to stimulate the placing of Applications for Victory Medals.

Given under my hand at the Capitol in Lansing, this thirtieth day of November, 1920.

ALBERT E. SLEEPER, Governor.

PHI PHI ALPHA ELECT

The Phi Phi Alpha Literary Society of Alma college has elected the following officers:

President—Claire Ferrigo.
Vice President—Frank M. Vreeland.

Secretary—Russell H. Wilson.
Treasurer—Roy Williams.

First Critic—J. Thomas Dasef.
Second Critic—Lyle De Barnhart.

Marshall—Richard L. Waggoner.
Janitor—James L. McKnight.

Assistant Janitor—Victor Douglas.
Almanac Reporter—Stuart S. Pratt.

Big Campaign Yields Fine Results Tuesday

Enthusiasm and Confidence of Success Workers Out Today With a Determination to Send Memberships Over Goal Before the Drive Comes to Close.

WORKERS HELD EXPERIENCE MEETING YESTERDAY AT NOON

Manager H. E. Reece is Now Laying Plans for the Victory Banquet to Be Held Friday Evening Which Promises to Be Biggest Function of the Kind That Has Ever Been Held in the City of Alma.

One hundred and eighty-six members of the Alma Chamber of Commerce in the first half day of the big membership campaign.

That shows clearly that community spirit of the kind that builds cities is not dead in Alma—that it has simply been dormant—and awakened again Alma is beginning to shake off that self-satisfied air, and is about to make a determined effort to shove herself ahead again, faster if possible than in the past years, to put herself in the front rank by making Alma the "city beautiful," a place that will compel attention.

It was an enthusiastic two score of workers that started the membership campaign yesterday morning, and judging from the reports that the tired, but happy bunch turned in at the workers' luncheon at the Wright House yesterday noon, the enthusiasm shown, coupled with the previous efforts of the educational campaign, had had its effect with the people of the city. Most of these seen yesterday morning joined the Alma Chamber of Commerce immediately after they were asked. A few needed some convincing arguments, before they heeded the call for a better Alma.

A few delayed in their answer,

that they might study over the matter a little longer. They will be seen again before the campaign comes to an end.

From 8:00 a. m. on until noon the workers were to be found in all parts of the city, looking up the prospects who were on the lists. Some of course, away at the time on business affairs, could not be signed up, but it is expected that they will be found the next time that the workers call on them.

Enthusiasm ran high at the noon day luncheon of the workers, and happily they talked back and forth until the luncheon had come to an end, and the experience meeting started at which incidents of the morning were related, and pep talks were given by some of the workers.

W. W. Cushing, one of the old war horses of the city, when it comes to civic matters, gave a splendid talk. R. B. Wagner, S. L. Bennett and others gave some good advice. One thing that was impressed upon the minds of the workers was not to let their enthusiasm run too high, as it was more than possible that the coming days of the campaign might not go as well as did the work of the first day. Thus if expectations were held down, disappointments that might come, through not reaching the goal quite as quickly as they

might have otherwise expected, would not be as great.

One thing was plain at the luncheon, however, and that was that the workers were determined that the goal of 500 members should be reached before the campaign came to an end.

Plans are now under way for the big Victory banquet which will be held Friday evening in the gymnasium of Alma High School. Tickets were passed out to the workers, and will also be placed on sale at Brunner's and Murphy's drug stores, and at the Wright House, where they may be purchased by members of the Alma Chamber of Commerce at \$1.00 each.

The plans for the big banquet have not been fully developed as yet, but the affair promises to be the biggest event of the kind that has ever been held in Alma. There will be speeches by prominent men of the state, as well as by some of the local business men, who are deeply interested in the welfare of the community. Every member of the Chamber of Commerce should make plans to attend this function, as it will be a similar. Tickets should be procured early, so that the Chamber of Commerce may have the opportunity for preparing for the proper number of places at the tables.

BUREAU SEEKING GOOD FERTILIZER

Gratiot Farm Bureau Can Secure Several Kinds for the Farmers Desiring It.

Two community local Farm Bureaus have been established. They are located at Riverdale and Elwell. Each has a president, secretary and treasurer and manager. The reason these local bureaus are organized around natural business centers is that it is much more convenient if all the members naturally do business at the same railroad point. In ordering fertilizer there is no question as to where they should ship it.

The County Farm Bureau members will all be arranged in locals of their own choosing as fast as possible.

Coal has been ordered already through the State Farm Bureau. The state organization will doubtless soon be called upon to furnish flour, dairy feed and fertilizer.

Fertilizer is being used every year in greater quantities. In furnishing this at a reduced price the bureau is rendering a service to all the people. The high cost of living is one of the most perplexing questions of our day. The price of farm produce will soon be based upon the cost of production. Therefore, anything that lowers the cost of farm supplies will ultimately benefit the rural and urban dwellers alike.

The purchasing department is negotiating with several of the best manufacturers and nothing but the best will be accepted. They plan to have it packed under the Michigan State Farm Bureau brand. In order to make the most of co-operative buying all must learn to anticipate their needs. To help in this, the Bureau offers a few suggestions. On the recommendation of good authority on the subject, they have decided to have the following grades manufactured.

3-8-6; 2-8-10; 2-12-2; 2-10-4; 0-8-10; 2-12-0; 0-12-2; 16% acid phosphate; Bone meal.

In these formulas, the first figure stands for the parts of ammonia, the second figure for parts of available phosphoric acid and the third stands for the parts of potash.

All of the above grades are considered high analysis fertilizers and although somewhat higher in price than some on the market they are really cheaper in the end for the

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ELECT OFFICERS

Royal Arch Masons Elected Officers Monday Evening.

Monday evening the Royal Arch Masons elected officers for the coming year as follows:

High Priest—E. O. Parker.
King—C. V. Calkins.
Scribe—Edward Schultz.
Secretary—D. L. Johnson.

Captain of the Host—Robert King.
Principle Sojourner—G. V. Wright.
Royal Arch Captain—Russell Gaffney.

Master of the third Veil—Earl Danforth.
Master of the second Veil—Glen Campbell.
Master of the first Veil—Merrill Stuckey.

Treasurer—Karl Adams.
Tyler—Glen Crisp.

DENATURED ALCOHOL

USED AS BEVERAGE

Two Men Picked Up Yesterday By Officers Had Been Using This Poison.

Three men were picked up here yesterday, local officers later letting one of them go, but holding the other two, who had been drinking denatured alcohol.

The other two men, said to be John Smith of Flagstaff, Arizona, and Charles P. Mahoney of Mason, were immediately taken before William H. Rogers, justice of the peace, where Smith was charged with vagrancy, and Mahoney with drunkenness.

Both the men admitted that they had been drinking from a quart bottle that officers Vibber and Campbell had in the court room and which plainly contained denatured alcohol.

Smith, who had only 85 cents about his person, had previously attempted to beg some money here and admitted it when asked about it by the officers, and this caused the vagrancy charge to be placed against him.

Rogers sentenced the two men to spend ten days in the county jail, and last evening they were taken to Ithaca by officers.

Look around. You will see what chambers of commerce have done for Flint, Detroit, Pontiac and other cities. Let's do it for Alma.

Throw aside the hammer that you have been using. Try the new instrument—co-operation through the Chamber of Commerce.

LYCEUM NUMBER MONDAY EVENING

Lorado Taft, Noted Sculptor, Will Appear Here As Third Number on Course.

When Arnold Bennett, the distinguished English novelist, visited Chicago, Lorado Taft, noted sculptor, who will lecture here on the Lyceum course Monday evening, accompanied him on a tour of the city.

"We rode around the great boulevard system," says Mr. Taft, "commenting on the wisdom of the men who planned so well years and years ago but the avenues led to nothing. We passed miles of happy homes, flats and modern conveniences but found that Mr. Bennett was not particularly interested in those things. He seemed to take it all for granted just as we take the physical equipment of one and another for granted—it is nothing in particular to talk about. He was looking for something else. He wanted to find the soul of our people."

"Finally we came to Saint Gaudens' great statue of Lincoln and Mr. Bennett sat up straight and looked out of the window with the expression of the connoisseur, a man who knows art as well as life, and I felt a thrill at last for Saint Gaudens of the East had put a soul into Chicago. So I think there is a reason for the sculptor, a reason for the painter, the poet and the musician."

JURORS DRAWN

Following is the list of jurors for the term of Circuit Court which opens December 13:

W. L. Amshury, Alma.
W. E. Bartley, Alma.
George Feighner, Middleton.
W. P. Gruesbeck, Ithaca.

Frank Hafford, Breckenridge.
Benjamin Inbody, Alma.

Charles Seip, Wheeler.
Floyd Smith, North Star.

Chester Knight, Alma.
Wilbur Cushman, Perrinton.

George Baker, Ithaca.
George Bauer, St. Louis.

Harry Harp, Ashley.
A. J. Kinketer, Ithaca.

Charles Kingsbury, Alma.
William Lindsay, Middleton.

J. F. Patridge, Ithaca.
Willis Plank, Sumner.

C. G. Schaefer, Breckenridge.
S. T. Weaver, Ithaca.

Claude O. Davis, Ithaca.
Charles Fisher, Elwell.

ROAD PLANTING

Value of Nut Crop and Walnut Timber Pointed Out.

East Lansing, Dec. 8.—(Special)—The Black Walnut is one of the most valuable trees for roadside planting in Southern Michigan, and this is the cording to the Forestry Department at the Michigan Agricultural College, best time of the year to plant, according to its value for timber and fence posts," says Prof. A. K. Chittenden, head of the college department. "The walnut does not make heavy shade, and so is not an objectionable roadside tree. It is also suitable for pasture planting for this same reason. If the lower branches are trimmed the tree will grow tall and straight."

"Walnuts may be planted with little expense or trouble, and this is the best time of the year for the work. Two or three nuts should be planted in one place, buried two or three inches deep. Freezing during the winter will crack the shells slightly allowing early germination in the spring. For this reason nuts that are kept over winter for spring planting should be stratified outdoors so that they may freeze. Squirrels are likely to make away with some of the nuts planted, and it is, therefore, well to plant more than it is desired to have grow."

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It will take two more weeks before the proposed railroad ordinance can be passed, to which will be added twenty days before it will be given effect, owing to the fact that it carries penalties for violations, this being demanded by the state laws.

The ordinance will provide for the speed of trains through the city, ringing of the bell, sounding of the whistle for crossings, and will also provide a means whereby the city can compel the railroads to properly safeguard the crossings on the streets by the installation of gates or of flagmen as the city thinks the needs demand. It will also give to the city the power to cause the railroads to elevate or lower their tracks to meet the street grades, and will also prevent the holding of any crossing by a train for a period of over five minutes.

Other things that will be manufactured by the Alma Foundry & Manufacturing company are manhole covers, catchbasins, ash weights, etc.

The backers of the new Alma enterprise believe that it will meet with a fine success here, particularly in view of the fact that this part of the state, has few if any foundry concerns, which naturally leads to the belief that Alma is the center of a fine territory from which to draw business.

Another product to be made by the firm, that may later prove to be a good industry for the city in itself, will be the manufacture of the Alma furnace. It is the product of years of study by furnace men, and it is believed that it will prove a good success on the market.

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WORK IS BEING PUSHED RAPIDLY

Alma Foundry & Manufacturing Company Will Soon Start Operations.

CONSIDER PROSPECTS GOOD

Remodeling of Plant of Old Paint Company is Now Nearing Completion.

The work of remodeling the plant of the former X-Coil-All Paint Company to put it in shape for the needs of the Alma Foundry & Manufacturing company, is proceeding rapidly, and it is expected that the new \$50,000 Alma corporation will be able to get under way by January 1.

The work of remodeling this plant and the new additions which are necessary to put the plant in proper shape for the use of the foundry company are much more extensive than had been expected.

A cupola room has been erected adjoining the south wing of the plant, and the work of installing the cupola is going forward rapidly. The cupola will be of two tons capacity, and it is hoped that soon after the foundry gets under way that it will be possible to take off two heats per day, making a capacity of four tons of castings a day.

The east wing of the L shaped plant will be used for the offices, and pattern rooms of the concern. The east end of this wing will house the offices, and just to the rear of these will be the exclusive pattern room, and a room for the pattern maker, as it is the intention of the company to secure the services of an expert for pattern making.

The other wing of the L will provide the modeling room, etc., of the foundry, and in this wing will be located a complete blacksmith shop and wood-working outfit.

An addition is to be constructed at the north end of this wing in which the Little Giant Paper Press, formerly manufactured here, will be made by this company.

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